based on information receivced, by conducting raids on the manufacturers/traders, etc. with the help of local Police. Such raids have been conducted in Bhagirath Palace also during October - November, 1998, as already indicated in the reply to part(a) of the questions.

वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के कार्यान्वयन का प्रतिकूल प्रभाव

*137. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के कार्यान्वयन का उत्तर प्रदेश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में मोटर मार्गों के निर्माण पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रावधान के अंतर्गत केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा सड़क निर्माण संबंधी कितने प्रस्तावों को अब तक स्वीकृति दी गई है तथा वर्ष 1998 की प्रथम छमाही के अंत तक कितने प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास लम्बित थे; और

(ग) इन लम्बित प्रस्तावों को सरकार द्वारा कब तक स्वीकृति दी जाएगी तथा इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु): (क) वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के उपबंध के अनुसार, वन क्षेत्रों में मोटर मार्ग आदि के निर्माण जैसी वनेतर गतिविधियों के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार की पूर्व मंजूरी लेनी पड़ती है। वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम के अनुसार वन भूमि पर कोई भी विकास गतिविधि निषिद्ध नहीं है बल्कि यह इस उद्देश्य से वन भूमि को उपयोग में लाने से विनियमित करता है कि सभी अन्य विकल्पों की जांच की गई हो और वन भूमियों की मांग तभी की गई हो जब यह अपरिहार्य और कम से कम हो।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश में मोटर मार्ग के निर्माण से संबंधित अब तक 337 प्रस्ताव वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम के तहत मंजूर किए गए हैं जिसमें से 359 मंजूर प्रस्ताव उत्तर प्रदेश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों से संबंधित हैं। 30.6.1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार 149 प्रस्ताव निर्माण लेने के लिए विचाराधीन थे।

(ग) 30.6.1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार विचाराधीन 149 प्रस्तावों में से, 17 प्रस्तावों को अन्तिम रूप से मंजूर किया गया है और 30.11.1998 तक 15 प्रस्तावों को केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा सिद्धान्त रूप से मंजूर किया गया है। 2 प्रस्तावों पर निर्णय लेने के लिए कार्रवाई की जा रही है। शेष 115 प्रस्तावों के संबंध में राज्य सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत अनिवार्य ब्यौरों के अभाव में कोई निर्णय नहीं किया जा सका।

Rail Connection for Bonai Sub-Division in Orissa

*188. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bonai Sub-Division under Sundargarh District in Orissa is rich in mineral resources but has no Rail connection; if so, whether Government have any proposal to connect Talcher with Bimlagarh to provide rail facilities to the people of Bonai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) A survey for a New Line from Talcher to Bimlagarh is being taken up. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Functioning of C.G.H.S. Dispensary 73, Gurgaon

*189. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CGHS dispensary No. 73 (Gurgaon) remains functional in the afternoon session also but only one doctor is available, with first-aid medicines only, and proper check-up is not done during afternoon hours;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to depute one pharmacist as well to help the doctor and make working of the dispensary purposeful; if so, by when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The CGHS dispensary at Gurgaon has the necessary complement of staff including doctors as per the patient load.

(b) and (c) Question does not yet arise.

Target for Rice-Procurement

*190 PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for rice-procurement for the current year;

(b) the estimated production of rice for the current year;

(c) whether the target fixed for rice-procurement would be achieved; and

(d) if not the steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The procurement of paddy under price support scheme is purely voluntary in nature, as only the paddy offered by the farmers can be procured. Similarly the collection of rice under levy scheme, also depends on the purchase of paddy made by the millers. Hence, no targets are fixed for procurement of rice.

(b) The estimated production of rice during the Kharif Sowing Season 1998-99 is likely to be 70.75 million tonnes. The Rabi Sowing Season is in progress and it is early to estimate likely production of rice of Rabi / Summer crop. As such, no estimates of likely production or rice during the year 1998-99 has been made so far.

(c) Does not arise due to reply at (a) above. However, a quantity of 47.02 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured for Central Pool as on 8.12.1998 in the current Kharif Marketing Season 1998-99.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of Leprosy vaccine

*191 SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a leprosy vaccine has been developed by the National Institute of Immunology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be available to patients, alongwith its cost in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) An anti-leprosy vaccine based on *Mycobacterium* was an immunotheraspeutic agent to be used alongwith the Multi-Drug Therapy (MDT) regime, has been developed by the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi. The Institute has conducted clinical trials to study its immunotheraupeutic and immunoprophylactic effect in leprosy patients. The followup of the immunoprophylac trials volunteer is still being carried out. The question of making available this vaccine to the patients in the country alongwith its cost will arise only after its successful trials. However, currently, Multi Drug Therapy is being given for six months in Paucibacillary leprosy cases and 12 months in Multibacillary patients. This regime is very potent and sufficient to cure the leprosy patients when given for the prescribed period.